

Uroplata tibialis – a forgotten species

(Coleoptera, Chrysomelidae, Hispinae)

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Uroplata tibialis Kolbe, described in Therese, Prinzessin von Bayern, 1901, „Von Ihrer Königl. Hoheit der Prinzessin Therese von Bayern auf einer Reise in Südamerika gesammelte Insekten“, was obviously forgotten and is cited neither in the Coleopterorum Catalogus by Weise (1911) nor in the Supplementa by Uhmann (1957). This was certainly also the reason that Uhmann described this species a second time as *Probaenia triquetra*, a synonym which is cleared here also.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Therese from Bavaria (1850–1925) travelled in 1888 in the eastern part of South America, in 1893 in North America, and in 1898 in the western part of South America. She published the results of her expeditions. In her two volumes filling diary (1908) she says, her expeditions had two main reasons: A personal one, to increase her knowledge in the Neotropical flora and fauna, to get acquainted to Indian tribes and to have a view at the physiognomic landscapes of the South American West und South. The second and decisive reason was to collect as many as possible botanical, zoological, anthropological and ethnographical items for the Bavarian State Museums. This aristocratic and distinguished mentality is conspicuous of this highly educated lady who had been ahead of her time in the 19th century.

Coleoptera new for science were published in „Berliner Entomologische Zeitschrift“ in 1901. All types are well conserved, in good shape, and stored in the Zoological State Collection Munich.

The description of *Uroplata tibialis* Kolbe was placed erroneously by the editor of „Berliner Entomologische Zeitschrift“ not in the chapter “Hispinae” but before the headline “Familie Hispidae”. This was certainly the reason that Weise overlooked it when he prepared the Hispinae part of the Coleopterorum Catalogus (1911) and after him Uhmann in the Supplementa of this catalogue (1957). Additionally, Uhmann described this species a second time as *Probaenia triquetra*.

Probaenia tibialis (Kolbe), comb. nov.

Uroplata tibialis Kolbe, 1901, Berl. Ent. Z. 46: 475, 483, T. 7, fig. 8 (“Columbien: Bei Boca de Saino am mittleren Rio Magdalena, ca. 100 m Seehöhe; den 30. Juni 1898” – type: Zoologische Staatssammlung München).

Probaenia triquetra Uhmann, 1940, Ann. Mag. Nat. Hist. (11) 6: 456 (holotype Colombia: Bogota, paratype Magdalena – type: Brit. Mus. Nat. Hist.) syn. nov.; 1950, (12) 3: 337.

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